

Setting up of Digital Terrestrial Transmitter in Bangalore

2418. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up digital terrestrial transmitters in the country;

(b) if so, whether digital terrestrial transmitter has been set up in Bangalore; and

(c) if not, when will it be set up in Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) At present, Prasar Bharati is proposing to set up four digital terrestrial TV transmitters, in Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai respectively, as an experimental project. Further expansion of the digital terrestrial TV transmitter network of Prasar Bharati will be dependent on the feedback from the experimental project and availability of resources.

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2419. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI has disallowed FII in print media with immediate effect;

(b) if so, whether according to the RBI, the restrictions will apply to investments by NRIs/OCBs on non-repatriation basis;

(c) if so, whether her Ministry has taken up this issue with the concerned authorities;

(d) if so, whether she has received a written assurance from the Mid-day group that it would not accept any kind of foreign investment; and

(e) if so, to what extent Government have clarified this position?